

National FOSSIL Trails Day



National Trails Day, June 1st, 2013, is devoted to appreciating America's trails and the hard-working individuals who build and maintain them. In honor of this day, thousands of public events will be hosted nationwide, and tens of thousands of trail enthusiasts will be outside as they hike, pedal, ride, and paddle through some of America's most beautiful areas.

The Moab BLM Field Office is celebrating National Trails Day by offering guided hikes on our fossil trails in the area. In partnership with National Fossil Day (officially on October 16, 2013), we will celebrate the rich fossil past of our area by encouraging people to hike our trail systems to view these unique and important sites. District Paleontologist ReBecca Hunt-Foster will be on hand to interpret our fossil history to the public, with guided hikes offered on two of our Fossil Trails: Poison Spider Dinosaur Track Site at 10am and 2pm, and the Mill Canyon Dinosaur Bone Trail at 12pm.

At Poison Spider you can view slabs of 190 million year old Navajo Sandstone that preserve the fossilized footprints of meat-eating dinosaurs. At the Mill Canyon Dinosaur Site you can practice your fossil finding skills by viewing dinosaur bones from meat-eating *Allosaurus* and long-necked *Camarasaurus*, still encased in rock. These events are **free** and open to the public. We hope to see you there!



HOW TO GET THERE:

Poison Spider Dinosaur Track Site:

From the center of Moab, travel north on Highway 191 for 5.9 miles and turn left on Highway 279. Continue 6 miles from this junction until you reach the "Dinosaur Tracks" sign, where the route leaves the pavement. We will meet in the parking lot, and hikes will depart at 10am and 2pm.

Mill Canyon Dinosaur Trail:

Drive 15 miles north of Moab on U.S. 191, then turn left onto a dirt road (marked "Mill Canyon"). This road is just north of highway milepost 141. Be careful when crossing the train tracks. Proceed 0.6 miles on this dirt road to a "Y" intersection. Turn left at this point; go 0.5 miles to another intersection. Turn right here. The Mill Canyon Dinosaur Trail is 0.6 miles away along this route. At the trailhead, you will find a parking area, and this is where we will meet. The hike will start at noon.

